A Groundbreaking event was held on December 13 at Ladd Park to celebrate the beginning of construction on the Ladd Landing Greenway Project in Kingston. Pictured from left to right: Rick Ross, Parks & Rec. Dir.; Councilman Tony Brown, Sam Smith, President of Stethen-Smith Construction Company, Jim Pinkerton, Kingston City Manager, Kingston Mayor Troy Beets, Councilman Don White, Councilman John Byrkit, Vaughn & Melton engineer Danl Hall and Construction Manager Baker Hamilton.

On December 21st City officials and employees met to celebrate the completion of the Automated Meter-Reading Project. Shown from left to right: Robby Humphreys, Manager of Water Distribution and Collection, Darrell Williams of Roane Alliance, Councilman Tony Brown, Mayor Troy Beets, Kevin Hamilton, Water Department employee, Councilman Don White, City Manager Jim Pinkerton and Councilman John Byrkit.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
COUNCILMAN
TONY “AKA Troy” BROWN
Once again the Kingston Police Department Explorers of Post 376 show up to assist with city events. We appreciate all your hard work and are proud to have you represent our city!

Matthew Sackett and Cathy Rakestraw are to be commended for doing such a fine job with these young men and women.

WAY TO GO EXPLORERS!

Tony Workman has been named “Acting Manager” of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Former manager Mike Jolly accepted a position with the Harriman Utility Board.

Fire Department Training

Fire Chief Willie Gordon, Asst. Chief Eddie Lentz and Parks & Recreation employee Sonny Hunter prepare food for participants during their recent fire training in which several other surrounding area departments participated.
• Mr. Pinkerton’s Mother-In-Law, Ms. Thelma Thurman is in the Rhea County Health Care facility.

• Wastewater Treatment Plant employee Tony Workman’s wife Amy is battling cancer.

• Police Reserve Officer Tim Arnold’s Mother Velma Arnold is in the Harriman Rehabilitation Facility in Harriman.

Please keep these folks and their families in your prayers!

Congrats Again Councilman Byrkit

Mayor Beets congratulates Councilman John Byrkit for completing the Level II Elected Official Academy in five months—possibly a record for our city officials.

Candy Cane Run

Parks & Recreation sponsored a successful Candy Cane Run at Ft. Southwest Point on December 3rd rather than the usual “hunt” as in years past.

A righteous man who walks in his integrity — How blessed are his sons after him.
Proverbs 20:7

The military officer sat in a prison camp. “You have one hour to live,” his captors told him, “and one letter to write.” The POW penned one sentence to his son. “Dear Bill, the word is integrity.” The young man wouldn’t have his father during critical formative years, but he had his dad’s character going before him. The son was blessed. Integrity is a handsome garment, woven of who you are when no one is watching, what you stand for, and the name you carry. Integrity is among the greatest riches we can pass to our children.
Meetings/Events

**DECEMBER**

6  City Council Work Session  6:00 pm
13  City Council Meeting  7:00 pm
13  Beer Board Meeting (Immediately following Council Meeting)
13  Water Board Meeting (Immediately following Beer Board Meeting)
20  Planning Commission Meeting  6:00 pm

**JANUARY**

3  City Council Work Session  6:00 pm
6  Building Committee Meeting  All Day
10  City Council Meeting  7:00 pm
10  Beer Board Meeting (Immediately following Council Meeting)
10  Water Board Meeting (Immediately following Beer Board Meeting)
17  Planning Commission Meeting  6:00 pm

***Isaiah 9:6***

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6 NIV).

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**